

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT'S PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH OF ALMIGHTY GOD

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Note: Cover Image Reconstructing the Persecution CAG Christians Suffered Some aliases are used in this report for the sake of protecting the involved Christians and their families. All aliases are marked with an asterisk* to distinguish them from real names.

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1. Overview

The CCP Continued Its Persecution of The Church of Almighty God in 2021

In 2021, as the pandemic continued to ravage the world and the CCP adopted high-pressure virus control measures throughout China, it continued to amplify its suppression and persecution against religious beliefs. Crosses¹ and mosques² were torn down; regular occurrences of house churches being frequently harassed and banned, Christians being arrested³ and sentenced⁴ continued; online religious activities were deemed illegal.⁵ The CCP also encouraged the masses to report on any religious activities without prior CCP approval throughout the entire country, and relevant policies were announced in provinces including Shanxi, Heilongjiang, Hunan, and Hebei. Citizens reporting on religious activities were given rewards ranging from RMB 200 to 5,000 (approximately USD \$32 to \$789).⁶ The Church of Almighty God remained a primary target for CCP oppression. The CCP struck hard against and suppressed The Church of Almighty God, designating it as a covert threat to national political security, something the CCP needs to fight against for the

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- 1 *CCP Orders Secret Removal of Crosses on Christian Churches in Wenzhou, China*, ChinaAid, January 25, 2021. <https://www.chinaaid.org/2021/01/ccp-orders-secret-removal-of-crosses-on.html>
 - 2 《拆到云南了：百年清真寺被强拆》 [*The Demolishing Has Reached Yunnan: Century-Old Mosques Torn Down*], 法广电台[Radio France], February 3, 2021. <https://urlzs.com/4KEbm>
 - 3 *Shanxi Linfen Golden Lamp Church Was Suppressed by Authorities, Many Arrested and Indicted*, Forbidden News, January 14, 2022. <https://www.bannedbook.org/en/bnews/ssgc/20220114/1679079.html>
 - 4 *Chinese Court Jails Christian Pastor for Eight Years*, UCA News, February 18, 2022. <https://www.ucanews.com/news/chinese-court-jails-christian-pastor-for-eight-years/96157#>
 - 5 《习近平亲下指令 互联网宗教活动遭禁》 [*Xi Jinping Personally Orders Ban on Online Religious Activity*], 德国之声 [Deutsche Welle], December 23, 2021. <https://reurl.cc/X42rxD>
 - 6 《中国迫害宗教自由事件倍增 当局鼓励群众互相揭发举报》 [*Incidents of Persecution of Religious Freedoms in China Dramatically Rise: Authorities Encourage Citizens to Report Others*], 美国之音 [Voice of America], September 24, 2021. <https://reurl.cc/Zr8nXg>

people of China and their hearts, attempting to fully wipe out CAG. According to incomplete statistics, just between 2011 and the end of 2021, more than 420,000 CAG Christians were arrested by the Chinese authorities, and the documented number of believers who have died as a result of persecution since the Church's establishment has reached 216.

Incomplete statistics suggest that in 2021, there were at least 68,456 CAG Christians who were directly persecuted by authorities, an increase of 25,649 from 2020. Figures indicate that at a minimum, 11,156 suffered arrest, a 58% increase from 2020; of those arrested, 6,125 were subjected to torture or brainwashing, and 1,452 were given prison sentences. Of those sentenced, 632 received sentences of three years or more, 72 received sentences of seven years or more, and seven were given heavy sentences of 10 years or more. One of those given a very heavy sentence was Jia Panpan, who was sentenced to 13 years. At least 9 Christians were persecuted to death. Additionally, at a minimum 57,300 were subjected to harassment, including being forced to write guarantees to relinquish their faith; being photographed, recorded, and surveilled without their consent; collection of their biological data such as fingerprints, blood samples, and hair; being cut off from basic social security; they and their family members being stripped of their right to employment. The Association for the Defense of Human Rights and Religious Freedom (ADHRRF) has published the information of 3,636 CAG members detained in the year 2021 in their database of prisoners of conscience.⁷ A total of at least RMB 250 million (approximately USD \$39.00 million) in assets were appropriated and illegally held from The Church of Almighty God and its members by the CCP in 2021.

The facts demonstrate that the CCP's oppression of religious beliefs continued to steadily increase throughout the pandemic. In US State Department's 2020 International Religious Freedom Report released on May 12, 2021, US Secretary of State Blinken stated that China has broadly criminalized religious expression, and continues to commit crimes against humanity and genocide against Muslim Uyghurs and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups.⁸

7 *3636 Cases of Arbitrary Arrest and Detention of CAG Christians by CCP*, ADHRRF, February 13, 2022.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/the-christians-from-the-church-of-almighty-god-arrested-or-persecuted.html>

8 *Secretary Antony J. Blinken on Release of the 2020 International Religious Freedom Report*, US Department of State, May 12, 2021.
<https://www.state.gov/secretary-antony-j-blinken-on-release-of-the-2020-international-religious-freedom-report/>

2. Summary of the Nature of the CCP's Persecution

2.1 Multiple Targeted Crackdowns Carried Out, at Least 11,156 Christians Arrested

Since launching its three-year “All-out War” against The Church of Almighty God in September 2020,⁹ the CCP has continued to intensify its persecution of CAG Christians. In 2021, frequent crackdowns targeting CAG were launched in every region nationwide and there was a significant rise in the number of Christians arrested. In the name of maintaining stability, the CCP particularly clamped down on CAG as the CCP celebrated its 100th anniversary, leading to the arrests of over 1,000 Christians.¹⁰ According to a document on maintaining stability during the CCP centennial issued by a State Security Office in Shanxi Province, during the CCP anniversary they were to “effectively strengthen surveillance of key persons and strike hard against The Church of Almighty God.” Additionally, according to an internal document issued by the CCP on maintaining stability during the Winter Olympics, public security organs were to increase the intensity of their strike against CAG, and “form high-pressure, severe crackdown forces.” Out of all provinces in China, the most severe persecution was suffered in Henan; the confirmed number of arrests as of December 31, 2021 was 2,114. The information below represents just a portion of the arrest operations in various provinces and cities throughout China.

From January to March, 2021, at least 750 CAG Christians were arrested in Jiangsu, Henan, and Sichuan Provinces; the police carried out extreme torture in an effort to obtain church information.¹¹

On April 12, police in Inner Mongolia's Baotou City launched a unified arrest operation against CAG; over 80 Christians were arrested in just two days.

On June 15, police in Shanxi Province carried out a unified arrest operation against CAG, arresting at least 403 Christians.

On October 15, police in Zhejiang Province's Jinhua City launched a unified arrest operation against CAG; over 119 Christians were arrested, some of which were subjected to brainwashing and conversion.

9 Wang Yichi, A 3-Year “Final Solution” Plan Against The Church of Almighty God, Bitter Winter, December 30, 2020. <https://bitterwinter.org/a-3-year-final-solution-plan-against-the-church-of-almighty-god/>

10 Li Mingxuan, 1000+ Church of Almighty God Members Arrested, Bitter Winter, June 30, 2021. <https://bitterwinter.org/1000-church-of-almighty-god-members-arrested/>

11 Church of Almighty God: 750 Arrested in Three Months, ADHRRF, April 28, 2021. <https://en.adhrrf.org/Church-of-Almighty-God-750-Arrested-in-Three-Months.html>

From September 19 to October 19, the Public Security Bureau in Pingdingshan City, Henan Province launched its “Operation Thunder” against CAG, in which 59 Christians were arrested, and over 200 Christians were harassed and had their homes searched without their consent.¹²

From October 14 to November 23, 217 Christians were arrested in Guangdong Province.

In October and November, Anhui Province police identified eight counties as key areas for cracking down on CAG, with the goal of arresting every single Christian within them. Within two months, they had arrested at least 364.

In mid-October, police in Yunnan Province launched a unified arrest operation against CAG; at least 222 Christians were arrested.

In November, police in Shandong Province launched a major arrest operation against CAG in cities including Jinan, Qingdao, Yantai, Linyi, and Zaozhuang, arresting at least 210 Christians.

On December 24, police in Hubei’s Enshi Prefecture launched a crackdown against CAG; at least 58 CAG Christians were arrested that day.

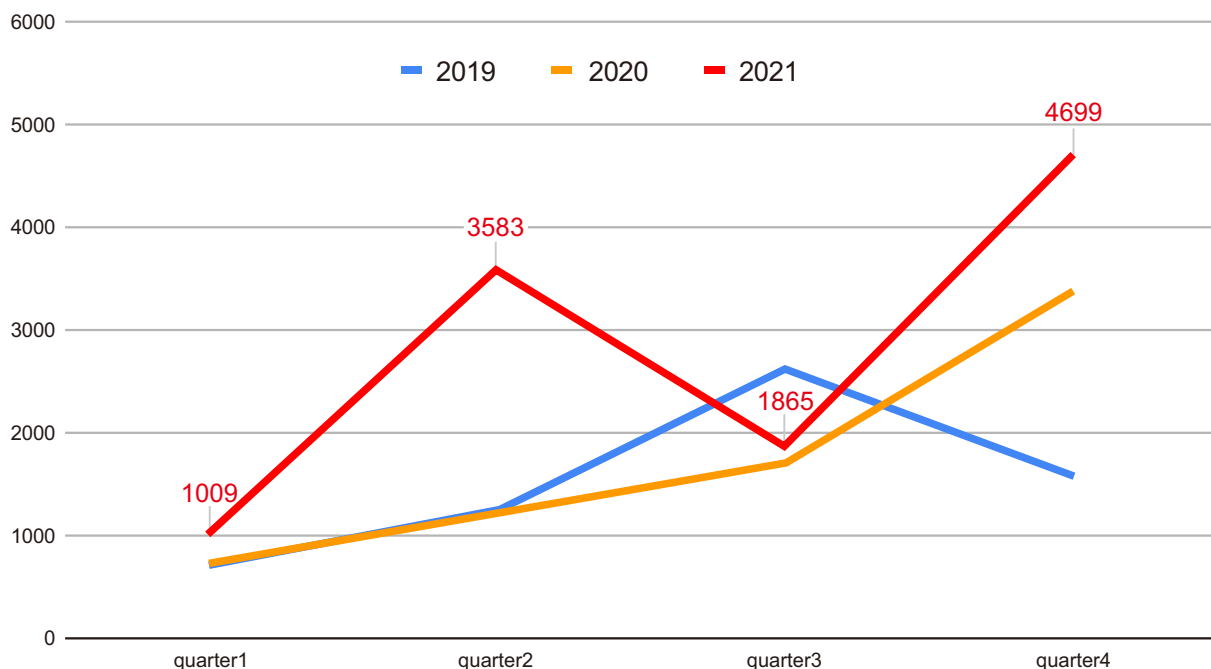


Chart: Numbers of CAG Christians Arrested, 2019-2021

12 Jiang Tao, *Church of Almighty God: Another 300+ Arrested in China*, Bitter Winter, December 16, 2021. <https://bitterwinter.org/church-of-almighty-god-300-arrested-in-china/>

Below is a table of incomplete statistics showing numbers of CAG Christians who have been arrested, detained, held in custody, and sentenced throughout 30 provinces (municipalities and autonomous regions) of China.

Table 1: Numbers of CAG Christians Arrested, Detained, Sentenced and Remaining in Custody in 2021

Province (Municipality, Aut. Region)	Arrested	Detained	Being Held	Sentenced
Total	11,156	5,727	2,039	1,452
Beijing	42	32	8	1
Tianjin	54	22	14	13
Hebei	57	27	13	8
Shanxi	913	411	61	85
Inner Mongolia	128	74	20	30
Liaoning	93	49	5	14
Jilin	150	72	0	69
Heilongjiang	236	86	8	3
Shanghai	31	20	0	1
Jiangsu	745	278	128	122
Anhui	1106	448	156	85
Zhejiang	496	183	78	57
Fujian	196	107	15	13
Jiangxi	267	182	50	109
Shandong	934	472	193	453
Henan	2,114	1,282	238	127
Hubei	242	166	65	73
Hunan	60	21	8	7
Guangdong	721	544	378	37
Guangxi	120	87	5	8
Hainan	12	12	4	0
Chongqing	75	35	5	7
Sichuan	740	332	182	70
Guizhou	444	169	84	4
Yunnan	757	379	237	36

Province (Municipality, Aut. Region)	Arrested	Detained	Being Held	Sentenced
Shaanxi	214	124	46	12
Gansu	74	38	12	1
Qinghai	79	48	11	0
Ningxia	56	27	15	7
Xinjiang	No data available	No data available	No data available	No data available

2.2 Christians Arrested and Brutally Tortured by the CCP, at Least Nine Persecuted to Death

Incomplete statistics indicate that in 2021, at least nine CAG Christians died as a result of CCP persecution. Some died due to violent brainwashing techniques; some were subjected to abuse and torture while imprisoned, developed conditions but weren't allowed to be treated, and died as their conditions deteriorated; some were unable to withstand the CCP's various tactics of forcing them to reveal information on the church, and then hanged themselves; and more.

Table 2: Brief Information of CAG Christians Persecuted to Death in 2021 (Incomplete)

No.	Name	Sex	Year of Birth	Native Place	Date of Arrest	Date of Death	Circumstances of Death
1	Li Wenjing*	F	1961	Chongqing	Sep 25, 2014	Mar 4, 2021	Sentenced to 8 years for her faith, died while serving time. Her body's face was swollen, there was bruising on her left forehead and below her right ear.
2	Peng Hong*	F	1965	Sichuan	May 23, 2021	Nov 18, 2021	Arrested because of her faith, she was abused during her detention to the point of illness and death. Her body revealed bruising, her left wrist was dark purple with a wound.
3	Hu Zhibin*	M	1953	Hubei	Oct 30, 2018	Nov 7, 2021	After his arrest, police tortured him for two days and three nights to extract a confession. He was abused during detention and died as his condition deteriorated due to not receiving necessary medical treatment.
4	Du Mingwei*	M	1957	Sichuan	Aug 6, 2021	Aug 15, 2021	Arrested for his faith, he was then held in a hotel where he was subjected to brainwashing and conversion. When he died on the eighth day, the skin on his face was dark and there was a strangulation mark at the larynx.

No.	Name	Sex	Year of Birth	Native Place	Date of Arrest	Date of Death	Circumstances of Death
5	Qin Dafu	M	1963	Chongqing	Aug 23, 2018	Jun 23, 2021	Sentenced to three years, two months for his faith, abused while detained, and due to not receiving necessary medical treatment, died as his condition deteriorated.
6	Chu Qingming*	M	1971	Shandong	Dec 15, 2020	Oct 6, 2021	Sentenced to four years for his faith, he was abused during detention and died from illness.
7	Shen Xinyi*	F	1969	Tianjin	Jun 29, 2018	Apr 5, 2021	Arrested in spite of heart problems and then sentenced to four years and six months, leading to the deterioration of her previously controlled condition and her subsequent death.
8	Li Hong*	F	1959	Henan	Mar 30, 2017	Mar 2021	Sentenced to seven years for her faith. She died after her medical condition worsened due to an inability to obtain treatment during detention.
9	Liu Zhilin	M	1951	Henan	Sep 9, 2021	Sep 11, 2021	Arrested for his faith. The CCP blackmailed him into divulging information on the church, threatening to take away his family's basic livelihood and strip future generations of their right to attend university. Unable to withstand pressure from both the CCP and his family, he hanged himself.

2.3 At Least 1,452 Christians Sentenced, the CCP Hands Out Harsh Sentences

Incomplete statistics indicate that in 2021, at least 1,452 CAG Christians were sentenced on charge of “using a cult organization to undermine the enforcement of the law” for participating in religious activities, or having religious materials in their home. Of them, 632 were sentenced to three years or more and 72 were sentenced to seven years or more; CAG Christian Jia Panpan in Xinjiang was sentenced to 13 years for her faith. The greatest number of convictions were made in Shandong Province, where 453 CAG Christians were sentenced. On January 28, 2021, the Tongxu County Court of Henan Province gave harsh sentences to five CAG Christians who had been detained for nearly one year; two had participated in basic church administrative work and evangelism, one of which was sentenced to seven years six months, the other to seven years; a husband and wife who had provided a venue for gatherings were sentenced respectively to seven years six months, and four years. On September 25, 2021, 48 CAG Christians in Jinan City,

Shandong Province were given a collective sentence.¹³ On November 3, 2021 in Shiyan City, Hubei Province, 26 CAG Christians were collectively sentenced, including Xue Mingli, who was sentenced to seven years and six months for writing an essay about her experience with faith; Zhang Xuefen and Zhao Mingxia were sentenced to seven years for managing the church's administrative work; Chen Yang'e was sentenced to seven years for sending religious books to Christians. Of the 3,636 CAG Christians in detention in 2021 as published by the Association for the Defense of Human Rights and Religious Freedom (ADHRRF),¹⁴ 3,026 were female, accounting for 83%, and 55 of them were given sentences of 10 years or more.

2.4 Brainwashing Tactics Adopted to Force Christians Into Giving Up Their Faith

“Brainwashing and conversion” is a key focus in the CCP's work to force Christians to give up their faith. After arrest, many Christians are put into “legal education centers” or hotels where brainwashing is forced upon them. Many undergo brutal torture when they refuse to give up their faith. Authorities in Shanxi employ particularly violent brainwashing tactics against Christians. Reportedly, in the latter half of 2021, police in Shanxi Province successively imprisoned more than 500 CAG Christians in brainwashing facilities named “Care Centers.” In order to convert these Christians, police force them to watch videos of praising the Communist Party and read materials blaspheming God every day; they demand that they sign declarations of renouncing their faith, and are subjected to abuse and torture if they refuse. This may include withholding of meals, sleep deprivation, being made to stand for long periods of time as punishment, choking them by placing plastic bags over their heads, and so on. Many Christians serving prison time are also subjected to brainwashing.

Liu Li*, a 30-year-old female and a CAG Christian from Henan Province, received a sentence of three years six months for her faith in God. She was released in March 2021 after serving her full sentence. The police subjected her to brainwashing and conversion during her imprisonment in an effort to force her to give up her faith. The prison guards

13 Wang Yichi, *600 Church of Almighty God Members Sentenced in 2021*, Bitter Winter, November 3, 2021. <https://bitterwinter.org/600-church-of-almighty-god-members-sentenced-2021/>

14 *3636 Cases of Arbitrary Arrest and Detention of CAG Christians by CCP*, ADHRRF, February 13, 2022. <https://en.adhrrf.org/the-christians-from-the-church-of-almighty-god-arrested-or-persecuted.html>

arranged for two “escorts” to accompany her 24 hours a day to keep watch over her, maltreating and tormenting her. These escorts forced Liu Li to remain in a squatting position from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m. without the slightest movement for four consecutive days, during which time they didn’t provide her with water, only allowed her one small bite of food for each meal, and wouldn’t allow her to use the bathroom, causing her to soil herself. The escorts would often grab her by the hair and slap her on the side of the head, and then kick her after she’d become dizzy. They would slam her head against an iron bedframe and whip her on her back and arms with plastic coat hangers. This kind of abuse and torture went on for nine months. She was made to squat as punishment many times, leaving her legs swollen and numb, and the tendons in the back of her heel felt as if they were about to snap. To this day, her legs are sore and weak and she has pain in her knees.¹⁵

Li Xiaoyang*, female, born in 1976, is a CAG Christian from Jiangxi Province. On September 7, 2018, six police officers burst into her home and arrested her, taking her to a hotel for secret interrogations. They forced her to stand continuously for seven days and nights without letting her sleep. When she refused to give up information on the church, the police slapped her in the face, knocking her teeth loose. Li Xiaoyang was given a sentence of three years after being held in a detention house for a year and three months. While she served her time, the prison guards ordered two escorts to abuse and torment her in an attempt to have her renounce her faith. The escorts forced her to stand as punishment from 5 a.m. to 12 a.m. every day for up to two months. During that time, they also withheld meals and did not allow her access to the restroom. When Li Xiaoyang still wasn’t willing to give up her faith, the escorts ordered her to squat on one foot for one hour, after which they bound her hands together and hung her from a bed frame. She was tortured this way for nearly two months. In February 2021, she refused to put her fingerprint on materials blaspheming God; five or six prisoners showered her with blows, forcefully pressing her thumb down onto the paper. They then tied her by the wrists and hung her from a shelf for one day and one night; her hands were left black and blue. As Li Xiaoyang continued to hold her faith, the prison guards ordered six or seven other prisoners to take turns beating her for an hour or more, smacking her face with the soles of their shoes and kicking her in the head. In September 2021, Li Xiaoyang had served her sentence and was released. The torture she suffered left her with frequent headaches and

15 *Christian Arrested, Sentenced, Subjected to Torture and Forced Indoctrination*, ADHRRF, December 31, 2021. <https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Arrested-Sentenced-Subjected-to-Torture-and-Forced-Indoctrination.html>

a deterioration in memory; she has weakness in her right hand and the thumb is numb, with no sensation.¹⁶

3. Conclusion

It is widely known that the Chinese Communist Party is an atheistic, dictatorial political party that vociferously denies the existence of God. Since coming to power, the CCP has continuously repressed and oppressed Christians and Catholics. Particularly since Xi Jinping became the chairman, the CCP's persecution of religious beliefs has reached a peak, and it is eager to entirely wipe out all religions and turn China into a godless place. The Church of Almighty God has been expanding rapidly for the last three decades; more and more people are accepting Almighty God and His kingdom gospel has spread to many countries of the world. This is terrifying for the CCP. It sees CAG as a thorn in its eye, a thorn in its side, and has issued many confidential documents regarding suppressing the Church, proclaiming "Troops won't be withdrawn until the purge is complete." Thousands upon thousands of CAG Christians have been sentenced and imprisoned, and suffered relentless torture and abuse in prison; some have undergone brainwashing while kept in hotels. This brutal persecution has been both physically and mentally traumatic for Christians, and cases resulting in disability and death are not uncommon. Although there are nonstop disasters across all of China, the people struggle with basic needs, there is absolute chaos within the CCP, and its very power is in jeopardy, it still continues to oppress The Church of Almighty God, regardless of everything. It is clear that the CCP will not rest in its persecution of Christians until the day of its demise. Its savage goal is to completely wipe out each and every Christian. We have obtained and are releasing these facts on the persecution of CAG Christians in order to protect the fundamental human right of religious freedom, and to gain the assistance of the international community and human rights organizations.

16 *Christian Imprisoned, Tortured for Her Belief*, ADHRRF, February 16, 2022.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Imprisoned-Tortured-for-Her-Belief.html>

Annex: 11 Selected Typical Cases in 2021



1) CAG Christians Persecuted to Death

1. Qin Dafu, male, born in 1963 in Chongqing City, was a CAG Christian. He was arrested on August 23, 2018 while attending a gathering in a rental house in Pengshui County, Chongqing. During his interrogation, he was viciously beaten by police when he was unwilling to give up information on the church. Over two months later, he was transferred to the Nanchuan Detention House in Chongqing. On December 2, 2019, Qin Dafu was given a sentence of three years and two months for his faith in God. While serving time, his relatives were turned away by prison guards when they attempted to visit him. In May 2021, his family received an unexpected call from prison guards informing them that Qin Dafu had developed lung cancer and his condition was serious. Reportedly, he was in good health prior to his arrest and had no symptoms of lung cancer. His family rushed to the prison to handle procedures for medical parole, but the prison guards created such great difficulties that they were unable to complete the complex procedures in a single visit. Before they had completed the formalities, they received another call from prison guards on June 23 notifying them that Qin Dafu had died that day. When they went to view his body at the mortuary, they could hardly recognize him. Once a 75-kg man, he had become just a bag of bones and his abdomen was extremely concave. It is simply unknowable what sort of abuse and torture Qin Dafu suffered in prison.¹⁷

¹⁷ *Christian Dies of Illness From Suspected Mistreatment in Prison*, ADHRRF, December 26, 2021. <https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Dies-of-Illness-from-Suspected-Mistreatment-in-Prison.html>

2. Chu Qingming*, male, was born in 1971 and was from Shandong Province. He was a CAG Christian. In December 2020, six police officers burst into his home, arrested him, and forcefully confiscated more than RMB 40,000 (approximately USD \$6,316) of his personal funds. Finding a list of church personnel in his home, they concluded that he held an important position in the church and held him in a detention house, not allowing any family visits. Chu Qingming was beaten and abused by a cell head while detained. He was given a four-year sentence for his faith in God in August 2021. On October 6, 2021, his family received an unexpected call from the detention house, notifying them that Chu Qingming was in critical condition and had been sent to the hospital for emergency treatment. When they arrived at the hospital, he was already dead. His entire body was swollen and it was ice cold. The doctor declared the cause of death to be a heart attack. According to informed sources, Chu Qingming was already dead when he was taken to the hospital, but the detention house guards told the medical personnel, "Give him emergency treatment even though he's dead. Otherwise, we will be held responsible." Left with no choice, the medical staff intubated Chu Qingming to give the appearance of a rescue attempt. Prior to his arrest, he had never had any heart problems, leading his family members to doubt the conclusion offered by the hospital. Believing that Chu Qingming was mistreated and tortured while incarcerated, they wanted to seek a lawyer and file charges, but were forced to give up under police threats. Ultimately, the detention house paid them compensation of RMB 100,000 (approximately USD \$15,791), and the murder case was hastily closed.¹⁸

3. Hu Zhibin*, male, was born in 1953 and came from Hubei Province; he was a CAG Christian. He was arrested while in a gathering in late October 2018. In an effort to obtain information on the church, police handcuffed him to a tiger bench and interrogated him in turns for two days and three nights, not allowing him to sleep. They then transferred him to the county detention house. There, the police ordered him to sit on a small stool from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day and withheld portions of food from him; this torture continued for as long as 15 months. This long-term maltreatment left Hu Zhibin's whole body swollen and weak; his feet were too swollen to wear shoes, and he was too bloated to get food down. His multiple requests to the police for medical attention were categorically refused. The police finally sent him for medical attention on

18 *Christian Dies During 4-Year Detention for His Faith in God*, ADHRRF, January 20, 2022.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Dies-During-4-Year-Detention-for-His-Faith-in-God.html>

February 23, 2020, having become afraid he would die in the detention house. Examinations showed liver cirrhosis and severe anemia. After three days in the hospital, Hu Zhibin's life was still in danger; the police notified his family to pick him up and take him home. His condition started to improve under his family's attentive care, but four months later, he was arrested once again and sentenced to a five-year term. In late September 2021, Hu Zhibin's family received a call from prison guards notifying them that he was seriously ill, but they would not allow any visits. Early morning on November 7, Hu Zhibin passed away, severely ill. His family asked the police why they wouldn't allow visits or allow him to recover his health at home, considering the seriousness of his condition. Police dodged the family's questions with various excuses, denying any responsibility.¹⁹

4. Du Mingwei*, male, was born in 1957 and came from Sichuan Province. He was a CAG Christian. On August 6, 2021, he was arrested because of his faith in God, and was taken to a hotel for brainwashing and conversion the next day. On August 15, his family received a phone call from police notifying them that he had died that morning at 6 a.m. They rushed to the hotel as soon as they received the news, to inquire after the cause of death; police said Du Mingwei had used a meter-long length of a cellphone charging cable to hang himself. When they went to the Public Security Bureau to demand an explanation, the police claimed he had fallen ill. When his family expressed a desire to investigate the cause of Du Mingwei's death, police forcefully suppressed the issue and threatened the family that if they didn't come to a private agreement, the next three generations of their family would be barred from attending university, joining the military, or joining the civil service. Left with no recourse, they reached a private agreement and had Du Mingwei's body cremated.

¹⁹ *Christian Dies of Illness From Mistreatment in Custody After Arrested for His Faith*, ADHRRF, January 20, 2022. <https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Dies-of-Illness-from-Mistreatment-in-Custody-After-Arrested-for-His-Faith.html>

2) CAG Christians Subjected to Torture

1. Gao Feng*, male, 49 years old, is a CAG Christian from Jiangsu Province. On January 15, 2021, he was arrested by police on a stakeout while on his way to visit another Christian, then taken to the local police station for interrogation. The police tortured him in their interrogation to obtain information on the church. They burned his beard with a lighter; they jammed pens between his fingers and squeezed until the pen shafts broke; they forcefully pinched the muscles of his inner thighs and hit his feet with the soles of their shoes. Seeing he still wouldn't talk, the police handcuffed his hands behind his back, suspended him with a rope, then swung him back and forth. They then handcuffed his hands in front of him, tied his legs together with a rope, and yanked back to suspend his entire body. This torture left Gao Feng's wrists in unbearable pain. It was winter at the time, but the police stripped off his pants and made him sit directly on a large chunk of ice with his bottom bare; they also stacked ice cubes all around his legs and feet and splashed cold water onto his body. Gao Feng endured unimaginably painful torture and has been left with sequelae. Since his release, he still experiences frequent numbness and swelling in his arms.²⁰

2. Zhou Qin*, female, 53 years old, is a CAG Christian from Sichuan Province. She was arrested on June 2, 2021, while carrying out some work of the church. The police tortured her in their interrogations to force her to reveal the whereabouts of the church's funds. They kicked her hard in the legs, and handcuffed her hands behind her back and yanked upwards on them. They also suspended her from a window by the handcuffs multiple times. In addition, they subjected her to the "exhausting the eagle" torture, not allowing her to sleep for 9 days and 10 nights straight, leaving her feeling numb all over her body, in a trance-like state, and physically exhausted. Due to the long-term anxiety and stress, Zhou Qin suddenly lost sight in her left eye several days after her release. A medical examination revealed that a vessel had ruptured in her left eye and the veins were blocked. It can only be controlled by medication, but can never be fully treated.

20 *Christian Tortured to Betray His Church*, ADHRRF, December 31, 2021.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Tortured-to-Betray-His-Church.html>

3. Wang Xinhui*, male, was born in 1991 and is a CAG Christian from Henan Province. On November 20, 2021, he was arrested because of his faith in God. When questioning him, the police refused to let him sleep for 11 consecutive days; the person standing guard would start screaming at him the moment he started to nod off. Throughout the interrogation period, on a daily basis, the police punched and kicked him, slapped him on the side of the head, made him stand long periods as punishment, and reduced his portions of food. The evening of the fourth day, they ordered Wang Xinhui to remove his shoes, raise his arms, and stand at attention. They then put the air conditioning on the coldest setting and blew it on him for about 50 minutes. He was both sleepy and hungry, and his legs were weakening; truly unable to hold on, he fell to the ground and knocked his mouth, which started bleeding. The police ordered him to keep standing, not allowing him any sleep. Enduring 11 days and nights of this “exhausting the eagle” torture, life was worse than death for Wang Xinhui; he was on the verge of a mental breakdown and collapsed multiple times. Afraid of being held responsible if something happened to him, the police reluctantly allowed him to sleep one night, then kept him awake another five consecutive nights. On December 6, in the middle of the winter cold, the police handcuffed Wang Xinhui suspended from a column in a corridor, dressed very lightly, to prevent him from sleeping. Because of the brutal torture, to this day Wang Xinhui has numbness in his hands, and he has almost no feeling in his thumbs and wrists.²¹

3) CAG Christians Pursued and Listed as Wanted

1. Zeng Lianjiao, female, was born in 1968 and is a CAG Christian from Guangdong Province. On August 27, 2021, she was listed as wanted by the CCP with a reward offered.²² The Rongcheng Branch of the Jieyang City Public Security Bureau put a notice online of her status as wanted, offering a reward for anyone providing clues. Zeng Lianjiao was forced to go on the run, unable to get medical attention for illnesses and afraid to show her identification to find a job. All she could do was find the most difficult,

21 *Christian Arrested for His Belief, Deprived of Sleep for 11 Days*, ADHRRF, February 18, 2022. <https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Arrested-for-His-Belief.html>

22 《悬赏通告！看到这个梅州女子请立即举报！还有这些，1人奖励100万！》 [Reward Offered! Please Immediately Report Any Sighting of This Meizhou Woman! More Below: 1 Million Yuan for One Person!], 网易号[NetEase], August 27, 2021.

most tiring work with the lowest pay to make a living. Under such bleak circumstances, she said in grief and indignation, “The CCP’s pursuit and persecution of me has left me unable to return home. Now they’re offering rewards for me online. They’re trying to put an end to my life!”²³

2. Li Chenggang, male, was born in 1973; his wife is Zhang Jingxi, born in 1969. They are both from Zaozhuang City in Shandong Province, and are CAG Christians. In July 2014, multiple Christians from Li Chenggang’s church were arrested, and he and his wife became major targets of pursuit. The two of them and their son fled the area, one after another, to go into hiding. Subsequently, the police often went to their house looking for them and took photographs of them around inquiring after their whereabouts. On December 17, 2019, the Shanting Branch of the Zaozhuang City Public Security Bureau in Shandong published an online notification of an “Operation Cloud Sword,” offering a reward of RMB 5,000 to 10,000 (approximately USD \$790 to \$1,579) for wanted individuals; Li Chenggang and Zhang Jingxi were among those listed as wanted.²⁴ In October 2021, the Shanting Branch once again published an online notification that Li Chenggang and his wife were wanted, offering a reward of RMB 5,000 (approximately USD \$790) for anyone providing clues.²⁵ Their family has been forced to stay constantly on the run because of the police’s relentless pursuit, moving several times every month, living every day in fear, not even daring to see a doctor.²⁶

23 *Christian Zeng Lianjiao Wanted by CCP for Her Faith in Almighty God*, ADHRRF, October 30, 2021.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/Christian-Zeng-Lianjiao-Wanted-by-CCP.html>

24 《最高奖励10000元！山亭警方发布悬赏通告，通缉这13外在逃人员》 [*Rewards of up to RMB 10,000! Shanting Police Announce Rewards for 13 Wanted Criminals on the Run*], 今日头条[Today’s Headlines], December 17, 2019.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vHFB612tDATrgf4sG3HIBIK2howJiwhU/view?usp=sharing>

25 《最高奖励50000元！枣庄山亭警方发布悬赏通告，通缉这10名在逃人员》 [*Rewards of up to RMB 50,000! Zaozhuang Shanting Police Announce Rewards for 10 Wanted Criminals on the Run*], 齐鲁网[Qilu Network], October 8, 2021.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IDvsJrrguvo67ebQ2eNn-ebE7B0aotR/view?usp=sharing>

26 *Li Chenggang and His Wife Wanted by CCP for Their Belief in Almighty God*, ADHRRF, December 15, 2021.
<https://en.adhrrf.org/Li-Chenggang-and-His-Wife-Wanted-by-CCP-for-Their-Belief-in-Almighty-God.html>

4) The CCP Plundered Church Funds and Christians' Personal Assets

1. Li Xin*, female, 66 years old, is a CAG Christian from Guizhou Province. On October 21, 2021, six officers forcefully entered her home and arrested her. They conducted a frenzied search and took away RMB 277,650 (approximately USD \$43,844) of church funds she was safeguarding, then took her to a hotel for brainwashing and conversion. Several days later, they searched her home again and seized RMB 24,299 (approximately USD \$3,837) of her personal funds.

2. Liang Xue*, female, 56 years old, is a CAG Christian from Guangdong Province. On November 17, 2021, over 10 police officers burst into her home and ransacked it in a search, seizing over RMB 500,000 (approximately USD \$78,955) in personal assets, and then took her to a local detention center. Liang Xue is still in custody.

5) The CCP Arbitrarily Detained and Imprisoned CAG Christians

According to incomplete statistics, at least 1,452 CAG Christians were sentenced on charge of “using a cult organization to undermine the enforcement of the law” in 2021 for participating in religious activities or keeping literature of faith at home. 72 of them were even sentenced to seven years or more. Please refer to the table below for details.

Table 3: Brief Information of CAG Christians Sentenced to 7 Years or More in 2021

No.	Name	Sex	Year of Birth	Date of Sentencing	Place of Sentencing	Prison Term
1	Jia Panpan	F	1988	Aug 2021	Xinjiang	13 years
2	Li Min*	F	1965	May 26, 2021	Sichuan	11 years
3	Han Shuming*	M	1988	Jan 20, 2021	Hubei	10 years
4	Zhao Weihong	F	1968	Jan 20, 2021	Hubei	10 years
5	Wang Xin*	F	1978	May 2021	Sichuan	10 years
6	Meng Yu*	F	1968	2021	Jilin	10 years
7	Wang Ying*	F	Unknown	2021	Jilin	10 years

No.	Name	Sex	Year of Birth	Date of Sentencing	Place of Sentencing	Prison Term
8	Zhao Juan*	F	1980	Feb 1, 2021	Guangdong	9 years
9	Ding Bo*	F	1963	2021	Jilin	9 years
10	Fu Jie*	F	1964	2021	Jilin	9 years
11	Liu Yi*	F	1967	Dec 30, 2021	Zhejiang	8 years and 6 months
12	Cao Lianying*	F	1973	Apr 2021	Henan	8 years
13	Ding Huimei*	F	1964	May 17, 2021	Shandong	8 years
14	Ying Shuzhen	F	1971	May 17, 2021	Shandong	8 years
15	Luo Qingsong	M	1985	Jul 26, 2021	Anhui	8 years
16	Wei Shan*	F	1969	Feb 26, 2021	Jiangsu	8 years
17	Han Zhihua	F	1979	Nov 22, 2021	Shandong	8 years
18	Du Fang*	F	1980	2021	Hubei	8 years
19	Zhang Yuting*	F	1975	2021	Jilin	8 years
20	Lin Hui*	F	1975	2021	Jilin	8 years
21	Zhou Suling*	F	1973	2021	Jilin	8 years
22	Liu Wenjing*	F	1994	Dec 2021	Henan	8 years
23	Sheng Yanping	F	1967	Mar 16, 2021	Zhejiang	7 years and 10 months
24	Geng Surong	F	1973	Apr 25, 2021	Anhui	7 years and 6 months
25	Li Mingchang	M	1957	Apr 25, 2021	Anhui	7 years and 6 months
26	Tao Zhiying	F	1960	Apr 25, 2021	Anhui	7 years and 6 months
27	Wang Shuxia	F	1958	May 11, 2021	Shandong	7 years and 6 months
28	Wu Zhiping	F	1973	Sep 27, 2021	Jiangxi	7 years and 6 months
29	Kang Xiaoming	F	1957	Aug 9, 2021	Jiangxi	7 years and 6 months
30	Xue Mingli	F	1984	Nov 3, 2021	Hubei	7 years and 6 months
31	Tian Hui*	F	1964	Nov 29, 2021	Inner Mongolia	7 years and 6 months
32	Gong Xiaofang	F	1963	Jan 28, 2021	Henan	7 years and 6 months
33	Zhao Xiaojiao	F	1967	Jan 28, 2021	Henan	7 years and 6 months

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34	Wang Culing	F	1963	Jan 28, 2021	Henan	7 years and 6 months
35	Wang Xiaojie*	F	1980	Dec 14, 2021	Guangxi	7 years and 6 months
36	Lin Yu*	F	1981	Dec 14, 2021	Guangxi	7 years and 6 months
37	Tang Li*	F	1965	Dec 21, 2021	Guangxi	7 years and 6 months
38	Jin Wen*	M	1964	Nov 29, 2021	Inner Mongolia	7 years and 3 months
39	Lai Meixiang*	F	1996	Jul 8, 2021	Jiangxi	7 years and 2 months
40	Wang Yu*	F	1986	Nov 30, 2021	Inner Mongolia	7 years and 2 months
41	Feng Xiaolan*	F	1974	Dec 15, 2021	Henan	7 years
42	Zhang Lingyan	F	1982	Apr 13, 2021	Yunnan	7 years
43	Yue Mei*	F	1963	Jun 23, 2021	Jilin	7 years
44	Chen Suyuan*	F	1964	Aug 2021	Jilin	7 years
45	Li Hongyan*	F	1963	May 2021	Jilin	7 years
46	Meng Yue*	F	1972	Feb 1, 2021	Guangdong	7 years
47	Xu Lan*	F	1977	Jan 16, 2021	Guangdong	7 years
48	Liu Hui*	M	1979	Mar 29, 2021	Shandong	7 years
49	Zhang Rui*	M	1984	Jul 26, 2021	Anhui	7 years
50	Zhao Qing*	F	1968	May 8, 2021	Henan	7 years
51	Luo Shali*	F	1983	Mar 2021	Fujian	7 years
52	Li Cheng*	M	1987	Nov 18, 2021	Anhui	7 years
53	Li Na*	F	1964	Nov 30, 2021	Inner Mongolia	7 years
54	Xiao Xuesong*	F	1979	Nov 29, 2021	Shandong	7 years
55	Yi Pixiang	F	1976	Nov 22, 2021	Shandong	7 years
56	Chen Yang'e	F	1973	Nov 3, 2021	Hubei	7 years
57	Zhang Xuefen	F	1980	Nov 3, 2021	Hubei	7 years
58	Zhao Mingxia	F	1974	Nov 3, 2021	Hubei	7 years
59	Li Zhen*	F	1964	Mar 8, 2021	Shanxi	7 years

No.	Name	Sex	Year of Birth	Date of Sentencing	Place of Sentencing	Prison Term
60	Li Bin*	M	1997	Mar 2021	Shaanxi	7 years
61	Yin Luzhen	F	1962	Jan 28, 2021	Henan	7 years
62	Shang Hongxia	F	1988	2021	Henan	7 years
63	Wang Yuping	F	1965	2021	Henan	7 years
64	Wang Lingzhi	F	1981	2021	Henan	7 years
65	Ge Hengxia	F	1982	Dec 15, 2021	Jiangsu	7 years
66	Liu Aihua*	F	1973	Aug 9, 2021	Jiangxi	7 years
67	Fu Dan*	F	Unknown	Jul 16, 2021	Jilin	7 years
68	Zhang Xiaoyu*	F	1990	Aug 2021	Jiangxi	7 years
69	Wang Mulan*	F	Unknown	Dec 2021	Fujian	7 years
70	Hu Meimei*	F	1978	2021	Hubei	7 years
71	Na Ying*	F	Unknown	2021	Jilin	7 years
72	Zheng Lihong*	F	1988	Dec 2021	Henan	7 years



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